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New Carmel Clay Fire Chief

Thanks for the welcome!!

You have been courteous and respectful and I appreciate it!

I have completed the fire station visits and there is good news – that is, there is no bad news; no surprises. Yes there are some things that we need to pay attention too, but for the most part you should be proud of the past.....you have accom-



plished much. Matter of fact, you are so used to progress that you consider it normal. Well, you are far ahead of your colleagues in the county and region so now we can move on to the leadership role which is your destiny. Gather around – we are off on a new path!

**- Fire Chief,
Keith D. Smith**

Happenings

April 16th-21st

Fire Department Instructor Conference (FDIC)

May 8th

Primary Elections

May 20th-26th

EMS Awareness Week

May 30th

Hoosier Burn Camp Ride

June 13th-15th

Fire & EMS Safety Stand Down

September 29th

Carmel Public Safety Day

December 5th and 15th

Clothe-A-Child / CAP Food Baskets



Year-to-date Statistics

EMS Runs:	781
Fire Runs:	514
Total Runs:	1295

Carmel Clay Firefighters Assist with Ski Rescues



Fire Chief and Merit Board members pictured with firefighters L to R: Chief Smith, John Wolfgang, Lt. Kurt Weddington, Armando Irizarry, FF Rick Castor, John Rowland, FF Brad Marcum, Lori Watson, Eng. Jeff Grimes, Don Stauder, and Eng./Medic Ted Lenze. Medic Kyle Condra (not pictured).

Six Carmel firefighters were recently recognized and congratulated by Fire Merit Board members and Mayor Brainard after discovering that they provided medical assistance to strangers while on a Boyne Mountain ski trip vacation at Boyne Falls, Michigan.

The firefighters were doing different activities on the slope and were in contact with each other with portable FRS radios. Some of the guys were on the lift (Marcum, Grimes, Castor)

headed for the mogul area and radioed the others to meet them there.

Shortly there after, firefighters (Lenze, Weddington, Marcum, Grimes, and Castor) noticed a late 40's to early 50's male skier severely wipe out when he lost control on a mogul field of one of the runs. When Carmel firefighters arrived a nurse was trying to assist the skier and was immobilizing his head and neck.

It was noticed that the injured skier was not breathing, was cyanotic, and in cardiac arrest. Eng./Medic Lenze and F.F. Marcum assessed the patient and conducted CPR. The Ski patrol arrived a few minutes later and was able to provide an airway supply kit and shortly after an AED, backboard, sled, and an awaiting ALS ambulance. Lt. Weddington placed pads on the patient and operated the AED with no shock advised and CPR was continued. The patient was further immobilized with a C-collar and backboard and placed on the sled. The Ski Patrol provided ventilations and Eng. Grimes provided compressions to the patient on the sled as a snowmobile took them down to the clinic below.

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Recent Carmel Clay Fires

Home Construction Fire



October 18, 2006- This fire occurred in a house under construction at 11640 Carriage Lane. It was approximately 90 % complete and was a total loss. Value of the structure was 1 million dollars. The cause of this fire appeared to be from a paint sprayer. The private investigators of all parties involved are in the process of testing the sprayer for a specific cause of this fire. The painters were spraying a combination of paints and lacquers at the time of the fire when an ignition source ignited the vapors and the fire occurred. This is very common in our area due to the amount of building and remodeling going on, and not using proper ventilation while using these products.

-Lt. Alan R. Young, Fire Investigations

Early Morning Fire

September 19, 2006

Carmel Fire Department responded to a residence fire at 11085 Beechwood Dr. East at 4:33 am. Upon arrival units found flames and heavy smoke coming from the garage attic area and upstairs bedroom. All of the occupants were out of the residence upon arrival. The fire was brought under control at 5:00 am.



The fire started in the attic of the garage from an electrical problem. The fire spread from the attic into the ceiling of the upstairs bedroom. Damage to the residence is approximately 75,000 dollars.

The residence is occupied by Mr. Bob Bowers and his wife Suzanne and 3 children. The youngest daughter was awakened by the smoke and she alerted her father of the smell and he went to investigate and as he went upstairs the smoke alarms sounded and all occupants left the residence and Suzanne called 911. Units arrived on the scene in 5 minutes.

**-Lt. Alan R. Young
Fire Investigations**

First 2007 Carmel Clay Fire

January 12, 2007

At 3:27 PM Carmel firefighters responded to 38 Lansdowne Dr. on the cities east side on a residence fire. When firefighters arrived there was heavy smoke coming from the single story ranch residence. The owners of the residence, Billy and Brooke Stonecipher were not home at the time of the fire.



The fire started in the family room of the residence. The fire did extensive damage to the residence. Damage to the home and contents are estimated at over \$160,000.00.

An Electric Space Heater that was too close to furniture started the fire. There were no injuries reported.

**-Captain William D Kehl
Fire Investigations**

Village of West Clay Fire

Carmel, IN – Monday, February 19, 2007 at 5:21 a.m. the Carmel Fire Department responded to a structure fire in the 21 hundred block of Finchley in the Village of West Clay. When firefighters arrived, they found the residence fully engulfed in flames. The Westfield Fire Department and the Zionsville Fire Department assisted Carmel firefighters, totaling 40 firefighters at the scene to distinguish the fire.

Prior to the fire, the structure was under construction and was having the electrical and plumbing done. The residence was being built by Kurt Schmadeke and damages are estimated at nearly \$200,000. The cause of the fire has not been determined, although space heaters were being used at the site during construction. Damage to the homes on each side of the house fire was reported however all persons inside were evacuated safely. No injuries were reported.

Area fire hydrants were not frozen although they were buried in the snow due to the recent snow storms. The Carmel Fire Department asks that home owners and business owners please clear fire hydrants in the area around their home or business so that they are accessible to firefighters if needed. This assures that they can access them as quickly as possible in emergency situations.

Kudos



This nice lady (Shellie Conway) came in today and thanked the crew that ran on her on 1/23/07. The crew consisted of FFP Adam Sharp, FFP Dustin Schooler, and FF Steve Holubik.

The crew found her lying in her bed unresponsive with agonal respirations at about 5 per minute. She was in a dysrhythmia called Ventricular Tachycardia. They defibrillated her twice, initiated an IV using the EZIO, intubated, ventilated her with a bag valve mask, and performed CPR. Upon arrival at the Heart Center of Indiana the patient was in a junctional rhythm with pulses and a BP of 138/84.

Outstanding job, keep up the good work!!!! This is the reason we love this job!!!

-EMS Director, Thomas D. Small



EMS News



The following have passed all testing and are now paramedics for CFD: Greg Giles, Tim Fagin, Jared Kinney, Kevin Stindle, Mark Sullivan, Jason Wendzel, and Andrew Young. Please join me in congratulating them all!

Mark Deitsch, Tim Griffin, and Mike McNeely will be starting Medic school at St. Vincent in April of 2007.

LifeNet will go into service for the entire department in April of 2007. If you have questions about this system please notify Tom Small, Adam Harrington, Gary Fisher, Mark Hulett, or Station 41 crews. This has been a long process and we are glad to see this final implementation step for CFD. I would like to thank all crews at station 41 for testing this system.

Last, we have started a ride-out program for St. Vincent ER nurses. They are signing up now so do not be surprised if you see them in the stations.

-EMS Director, Thomas D. Small

Spotlight



"Your Union President hard at work, clowning around as he moonlights on the side".

- Lighting of the Square 2006



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The other Carmel firefighters followed the sled down to continue to help with CPR, give a report to the medics, and assist with the transfer of the patient to the waiting ambulance.

Meanwhile, as the above Carmel firefighters assisted helping with their patient, unbelievably Medic Condra had just finished helping the ski patrol with another injured skier. Medic Condra's patient was a lady who fell and broke her hip who he assisted with securing to a backboard.

Once the ski patrol arrived at the clinic with the female patient, the Carmel firefighters helped transfer her into the clinic and then later to a second ambulance.

It is great to know that we have professional Carmel firefighters ready at a moments notice to utilize their excellent skills not only on the job but on their own time when ever people are in need. Great Job!!

Origin of the Maltese Cross — W. Fred Conway

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The story of the Maltese Cross, the firefighter's badge of honor, is nearly a thousand years old. When the Knights of St. John, a courageous band of Crusaders, fought the Saracens for possession of the Holy Land, they encountered a new and terrible weapon they had not known existed. It was a fire bomb (known as Greek Fire).

As the Knights of St. John advanced on the walls of the city, they were struck by glass bombs filled with naphtha. The

bombs broke and saturated them with the flammable liquid. Then the Saracens hurled a flaming tree into their midst.

As hundreds of Knights were burned alive, others risked their lives to save their brothers in arms from fiery deaths. Their valiant efforts were recognized by fellow Crusaders who awarded each hero a badge in the configuration of the cross which many firefighters wear today.

Since, for nearly four centuries, the Knights of St. John lived on the Mediterranean island of Malta, their crosses for heroism in rescue from fire came to be known as the Maltese Cross.

The Maltese Cross, as worn by firefighters today, symbolizes their willingness to lay down their lives for their fellow man just as the Crusaders did so long ago.

Fire and EMS Beginnings

The Knights of St John, also called Knights Hospitalers, likewise established hospices on the route to the Holy Land so they could



shelter pilgrims while on their journey. Around A.D. 1160 these knights converted one of their hospices into an infirmary to care for the sick and injured. They created the first hospital when they added a staff of physicians and surgeons.

As a result of combating Greek Fire and caring for sick and injured Holy Land pilgrims, the Knights of St. John effectively started the Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

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